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A JOINT MEMORIAL

RECOGNIZING FEBRUARY 18, 2005 AS "ESPANOLA VALLEY DAY" AT THE
NEW MEXICO LEGISLATURE.

WHEREAS, the Espanola valley lies nestled in both Rio
Arriba and Santa Fe counties, is surrounded by the Pueblos of
Santa Clara and San Juan and has a vigorous tricultural
history; and

WHEREAS, 1998 marked the four hundredth anniversary of
Hispanic influence in the Espanola valley, commencing in 1598
with the first Spanish settlement in Nuevo Mexico and the
opening of the trade route known as El Camino Real, running
from Mexico to the Pueblo of San Juan; and

WHEREAS, the legislature honors and promotes cultural
diversity, including the strong Hispanic culture and
traditions that can be found throughout New Mexico; and

WHEREAS, the city of Espanola and the counties of Rio
Arriba and Santa Fe exemplify cultural diversity and deep-
rooted Hispanic traditions;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE
STATE OF NEW MEXICO that February 18, 2005 be recognized as
"Espanola Valley Day" at the New Mexico legislature, honoring
the entire Espanola valley for its diversity of culture and
long-standing Hispanic traditions; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be

1 transmitted to Mayor Richard L. Lucero of the city of
2 Espanola; Joe Duran, acting Espanola city manager; councilors
3 Alice Lucero, Joseph Maestas, Rosario Chayo Garcia, Dennis
4 Salazar, Carla Ann Martinez, Pedro Valdez, Anthony
5 Vandervossen and J.R. Trujillo; and Commissioner Jack
6 Sullivan of Santa Fe county. _____

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